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SUBJECT: GOM DENIES DISAGREEMENT WITH PRC

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS PEKING

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1. GOM DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RELEASED ON JUNE
12 FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING INTEREST- FREE LOAN:
QUOTE THERE IS NO FOUNDATION IN THE REPORT CARRIED IN A
SECTION OF THE BRITISH PRESS THAT A DISPUTE HAS ARISEN OVER
THE LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MALTA AND THE PEOPLE' S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA. CONTRARY TO WHAT HAS BEEN ALLEGED,
MR. DANNY CREMONA IS NOT VISITING PEKING TO IRON OUT
ANY DIFFICULTIES BUT TO CONSOLIDATE COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES. PROOF OF THE SUCCESS OF THE AGREEMENT IS
THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF FOREIGN INDUSTRIALISTS ARE AVAILING
THEMSELVES OF ITS PROVISIONS AND, BY FORMING JOINT
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VENTURES IN MALTA, SUCCEED IN EXPORTING THEIR PRODUCTS
TO CHINA. END QUOTE.

2. JUNE 14 EDITION MALTESE LANGUAGE DAILY IN NAZZJON TAGHNA
INDICATES NATIONALIST OPPOSITION NOT REPEAT NOT CONVINCED
BY GOM DENIAL REGARDING DISPUTE WITH PRC. POINTING
OUT OFFICIAL VALUE OF GOLD INCREASED BY 10 PERCENT SINCE
AGREEMENT SIGNED AND PROSPECT FURTHER INCREASES WILL REQUIRE
GOM TO REPAY MORE THAN AMOUNT THEY MIGHT HAVE WITH INTEREST,
NAZZJON TAGHNA STATES " IN SPITE OF DOI STATEMENT WE
BELIEVE DANNY CREMONA WENT TO PEKING TO NEGOTIATE BETTER
CONDITIONS". GETZ

NOTE BY OC/ T: NOT PASSED PEKING

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